

Are You Looking for Housing Repair Assistance?



Maybe We Can Help/ 504 Loan and Grant Program



We are pleased that you are interested in the USDA, Rural Development for assistance to repair your home. The Single-Family Housing 504 Repair Loan and Grant program is for households with very-low incomes and is available to provide the opportunity to make necessary improvements to your home. Grant funds are limited and are only available if the applicant or co-applicant is age 62 or over.

What to send us? The process can begin by completing the enclosed <u>Prequalification and monthly cash expense worksheets</u>, and the <u>Authorization to Release Information</u>: RD Form 3550-1 (enclosed in this packet). Also include any estimated repairs if you have obtained them. We will need repair estimates for a final application. Let us know if you have any questions or need help completing the worksheets.

You may fax, mail or hand deliver the information to the appropriate Rural Development Office listed below. We will contact you after the review and help you with the final application package for you to complete and return if you appear to be eligible. If you wish, you may request and complete a full application at any time in lieu of the Pre-Qualification materials contained in this guide.

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Single Family 504 Repair Loans and Grants

Purpose of the Program:

• To Provide direct loan and/or grant funds to very low income applicants who do not qualify for conventional bank financing for the repair of their dwelling

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must own the dwelling to be repaired, maintain a life estate, or long term leasehold.
- Must be a US Citizen or permanent resident.
- Must be able to personally occupy the dwelling.
- Must have adequate and dependable income to repay a loan.
- Must have a good credit history (for loan application).
- For a grant request, must show the inability to repay a loan.
- For Grants, applicant or co-applicant must be 62 or older and unable to afford a loan, or portion thereof at 1% interest for up to 20 year terms (ex. Grant and Loan combinations may be considered).
- Outside debt should be minimal.
- Must have total household income that does not exceed the Rural Development very low income limits.
- Must lack personal resources (e.g., cash, securities, real estate other than home and homesite) that can be used to meet repair needs.

Eligible Loan and Grant Purposes:

- Grant funds may be used to pay costs of repairs or improvements which are identified health or safety hazards.
- Loan funds may also be used to remove health and safety hazards but are also available for modernization of home improvement.

Housing Requirements:

- Homes must be brought into good repair with loan/grant funds.
- Homes must be located in a rural area (see income limits worksheet enclosed for ineligible areas).
- Not all deficiencies need to be corrected to be eligible.
- Repairs to mobile homes can only be approved when the applicant owns the site
 and the home is, or will be placed on a permanent foundation, and health or safety
 hazards are to be removed. Homes in Mobile Home Park Cooperatives and some
 non-profit owned Mobile Home Parks may be eligible for assistance.
- Properties must generally have access (either direct or via private right of way) to a town owned or maintained road.

Loan Rates and Terms:

• These loans are 1% fixed rate loans with a maximum 20 year amortization.

Ineligible Loan Purposes:

- Cannot finance income-producing property
- Cannot finance the purchase of a dwelling
- Property cannot have an in-ground pool
- Dwelling should not be in a flood hazard area
- Cannot finance furniture or other personal property
- Cannot finance camps or duplexes

Maximum Loan and Grant Amounts:

- Maximum loan amount is \$20,000
- Maximum lifetime grant amount is \$7,500
- Maximum combination loan and grant amounts are \$27,500
- Loans cannot exceed appraised values

Maximum Adjusted Income Limits:

Below are Household income limits for New Hampshire and Vermont. If your current income exceeds these limits, or your household size is larger than 5 people, ask Rural Development about adjustments to income: ex. dependent children, child care expense, disabled, handicapped and elderly applicants or co-applicants.

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Please use this form to calculate your adjusted family income.

DIRECT 504 REPAIR GRANTS AND LOANS INCOME LIMITS WORKSHEET TO FIGURE YOUR ADJUSTED HOUSEHOLD INCOME NEW HAMPSHIRE

Applicant's gross income per year (Current gross weekly income x 52) include annual overtime	
Co-applicant's gross income per year (Current gross weekly income x 52) include annual overtime	
Other Applicant Household income (Annual Amounts) (i.e. Social Security, Pension Income, VA	
Benefits, Child Support, Annual Bonuses Etc.)	
Other Household members: Include gross annual income from all sources	
Subtract Child Care Expenses (Expenses for child care while at work)	
Subtract \$480.00 for each child	
Adjusted Household Income	

If you are elderly or disabled ask the Rural Development staff for additional deductions to which you may be entitled.

All applicants must have Adjusted Household Income at or below the "very low" RD published income limits according to your household size as noted below. If your household exceeds the 6 person limit, please contact any Rural Development office to obtain the income threshold.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITS (Revised 06-01-2010)						
COUNTY	1 PERSON	2 PEOPLE	3 PEOPLE	4 PEOPLE	5 PEOPLE	6 PEOPLE
Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos and Sullivan Counties	\$24,200	\$27,650	\$31,100	\$34,550	\$37,350	\$40,100
Grafton	\$24,200	\$27,650	\$31,100	\$34,550	\$37,350	\$40,100
Boston, Cambridge, Quincy Metro: includes Seabrook and South Hampton	\$32,150	\$36,750	\$41,350	\$45,900	\$49,600	\$53,250
Lawrence Metro: includes Atkinson, Chester, Danville, Fremont, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow, Raymond, Sandown and Windham	\$29,900	\$34,150	\$38,400	\$42,650	\$46,100	\$49,500
Manchester Metro: includes Bedford, Weare and Goffstown (part)	\$26,900	\$30,750	\$34,600	\$38,450	\$41,550	\$44,600
Hillsborough County (part) includes: Antrim, Bennington, Deering, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Hillsborough, Lyndeborough, New Boston, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple and Windsor.	\$27,150	\$31,000	\$34,900	\$38,750	\$41,850	\$44,950
Merrimack County	\$26,850	\$30,700	\$34,550	\$38,350	\$41,450	\$44,500
Nashua Metro includes: Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Mason, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Ipswich, Pelham and Wilton.	\$31,700	\$36,200	\$40,750	\$45,250	\$48,900	\$52,500
Portsmouth, Rochester includes: Rockingham County: Brentwood, East Kingston, Epping, Exeter, Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rye and Stratham. Strafford County: Barrington, Durham, Farmington, Lee, Madbury, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, Rollinsford, Somersworth and Strafford.	\$28,600	\$32,650	\$36,750	\$40,800	\$44,100	\$47,350
Western Rockingham County Metro: includes Auburn, Candia, Deerfield, Northwood and Nottingham.	\$33,650	\$38,450	\$43,250	\$48,050	\$51,900	\$55,750

Loans cannot be made in Concord, Derry, Dover, Hudson, Keene, Londonderry, Manchester, Merrimack, Nashua,
 Portsmouth, Rochester, Salem and parts of Goffstown and Hooksett, due to population.
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VERMONT - MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITS (Revised 06-01-2010)						
COUNTY	1 PERSON	2 PEOPLE	3 PEOPLE	4 PEOPLE	5 PEOPLE	6 PEOPLE
Addison County	\$23,700	\$27,050	\$30,450	\$33,800	\$36,550	\$39,250
Bennington County	\$21,750	\$24,850	\$27,950	\$31,050	\$33,550	\$36,000
Chittenden, Grand Isle, Franklin Counties	\$26,300	\$30,050	\$33,800	\$37,550	\$40,550	\$43,550
Caledonia, Essex, and Lamoille Counties	\$21,500	\$24,550	\$27,650	\$30,700	\$33,150	\$35,600
Orange	\$21,550	\$24,650	\$27,700	\$30,800	\$33,250	\$35,750
Orleans and Rutland Counties	\$21,500	\$24,550	\$27,650	\$30,700	\$33,150	\$35,600
Washington County	\$23,750	\$27,150	\$30,550	\$33,950	\$36,650	\$39,400
Windham County	\$21,650	\$24,700	\$27,800	\$30,900	\$33,350	\$35,850
Windsor County	\$22,400	\$25,600	\$28,800	\$32,000	\$34,550	\$37,100

Loans cannot be made in Burlington, South Burlington Essex Junction and Winooski, and the Southeastern part of Colchester due to population density.



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504 PRE-QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

						Date		
Applicant #1	Social Security No		umber	Age				
Applicant #2			S	ocial Secu	ırity Nı	umber	Age	:
Mailing Address			Т	own/Stat	e/Zip			
Physical Address			Т	own/Stat	e/Zip			
Home Phone				Vork Phon				
HOUSEHOLD INC	OME: (Per N	lonth)						
Applicant #1 M	onthly Wage	e Income				Annual		
Applicant #2 Monthly Wage Income				Annual				
Food Stamps	AFD0	C/TANF	SS/S	SSI		Pension	Other	-
Foster Care	State	e Public Assista	nce		_ Chi	ild Support/Alimony		
OTHER HOUSEHO	LD MEMBER	S:						
Other Adults					Age	Income		
Other Adults						_		
Children					Age			
Children					Age			
Children					Age			
Foster Child/Adult								
ASSETS:								
Checking Account	Balance			Savings	Acco	ount Balance		
Stocks, Bonds, CD)'s			IRA Acc	count	Balance		
DEBTS:		Monthly	Balance	9				
Rent/Non-RHS Hous	se Payment				Real	Estate Insurance		
Car/Truck Debt	-	Real Estate Tax		l Estate Tax				
Car/Truck Debt	-			Child Care Costs				
Other Vehicles/Equi	pment			Child Support Paid Out				
Other Debts	-			Unreimbursed Medical				
Other Debts	-				Othe	er RHS Loans/Grants	Yes	No

MONTHLY CASH EXPENSE WORKSHEET			
Food		Transportation	
Clothes		Real Estate Insurance	
Unreimburseable Medical		Automobile Insurance	
Personal		Health Insurance	
Fuel		Real Estate Tax	
Electric		Income Tax	
Telephone		Social Security Tax	
Cable		Property Tax	
Water/Sewer		Professional/Union Dues	
Other Household		Child Care	
Housing Repair		Child Support	
Education		Planned Purchases	
Gifts		Loan Closing Cost	
Recreation		Moving	
Out of Pocket		Other	
Car Expense			
	Total Expenses:		
Comments			
Applicant #1 Sigi	nature	Applicant #2 Signature	
Please complete and return to the address above. This does not constitute an application.			

It is for informational purposes only.

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Rural Housing Service

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

TO:
RE:
Account or Other Identifying Number
Name of Customer
I, and/or adults in my household, have applied for or obtained a loan or grant from the Rural Housing Service (RHS), part of the Rural Development mission area of the United States Department of Agriculture. As part of the process or in considering my household fo interest credit, payment assistance, or other servicing assistance on such loan, RHS may verify information contained in my request fo assistance and in other documents required in connection with the request
I. or another adult in my household, authorize you to provide to RHS for verification purposes the following applicable information:
 Past and present employment or income records. Bank account, stock holdings, and any other asset balances. Past and present landlord references. Other consumer credit references.
If the request is for a new loan or grant, I further authorize RHS to order a consumer credit report and verify other credit information
I understand that under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, 12 U S C 3401. et seq., RHS is authorized to access my financial records held by financial institutions in connection with the consideration or administration of assistance to me I also understand that financial records involving my loan and loan application will be available to RHS without further notice or authorization, but will not be disclosed or released by RHS to another Government agency or department or used for another purpose without my consent except a required or permitted by law
This authorization is valid for the life of the loan
The recipient of this form may rely on the Government's representation that the loan is still in existence
The information RHS obtains is only to be used to process my request for a loan or grant, interest credit, payment assistance, or othe servicing assistance. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Notice to Applicant Regarding Privacy Act information understand that if I have requested interest credit or payment assistance, this authorization to release information will cover any future requests for such assistance and that I will not be renotified of the Privacy Act information unless the Privacy Act information has changed concerning use of such information.
A copy of this authorization may be accepted as an original.
Your prompt reply is appreciated
SIGNATURE (APPLICANT OR ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER DATE
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NOTICE TO APPLICANT REGARDING PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION

The information requested on this form is authorized to be collected by the Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business-Cooperative Services (RBS), Rural Utilities Service (RUS) or the Farm Service Agency (FSA) ("the agency") by title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U S C. 1471 et seq.) or by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.), or by other laws administered by RHS, RBS, RUS or FSA

Disclosure of information requested is voluntary. However, failure to disclose certain items of information requested, including your Social Security Number or Federal Identification Number, may result in a delay in the processing of an application or its rejection. Information provided may be used outside of the agency for the following purposes:

- When a record on its face, or in conjunction with other records, indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute, or by regulation, rule, or order issued pursuant thereto, disclosure may be made to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, foreign, State, local, or tribal, or other public authority responsible for enforcing, investigating, or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, or rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto, if the information disclosed is relevant to any enforcement, regulatory, investigative, or prosecutive responsibility of the receiving entity
- 2. A Record from this system of records may be disclosed to a Member of Congress or to a congressional staff member in response to an inquiry of the congressional office made at the written request of the constituent about whom the record is maintained.
- 3. Rural Development will provide information from this system to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and to other Federal agencies maintaining debt servicing centers, in connection with overdue debts, in order to participate in the Treasury Offset Program as required by the Debt Collection Improvement Act, Pub. L. 104-134, Section 31001
- 4. Disclosure of the name, home address, and information concerning default on loan repayment when the default involves a security interest in tribal allotted or trust land. Pursuant to the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (42 U S C 12701 et seq.), liquidation may be pursued only after offering to transfer the account to an eligible tribal member, the tribe, or the Indian Housing Authority serving the tribe(s)
- 5. Referral of names, home addresses, social security numbers, and financial information to a collection or servicing contractor, financial institution, or a local, State, or Federal agency, when Rural Development determines such referral is appropriate for servicing or collecting the borrower's account or as provided for in contracts with servicing or collection agencies
- 6. It shall be a routine use of the records in this system of records to disclose them in a proceeding before a court or adjudicative body, when: (a) the agency or any component thereof; or (b) any employee of the agency in his or her official capacity; or (c) any employee of the agency in his or her individual capacity where the agency has agreed to represent the employee; or (d) the United States is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and by careful review, the agency determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the litigation, provided; however, that in each case, the agency determines that disclosure of the records is a use of the information contained in the records that is compatible with the purpose for which the agency collected the records
- 7. Referral of names, home addresses, and financial information for selected borrowers to financial consultants, advisors, lending institutions, packagers, agents and private or commercial credit sources, when Rural Development determines such referral is appropriate to encourage the borrower to refinance the Rural Development indebtedness as required by title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U S C 1471), or to assist the borrower in the sale of the property
- Referral of legally enforceable debts to the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to be offset against any tax refund that may become due the debtor for the tax year in which the referral is made, in accordance with the IRS regulations at 26 C F R 301.6402-6T. Offset of Past Due Legally Enforceable Debt Against Overpayment, and under the authority contained in 31 U S C 3720A
- Referral of information regarding indebtedness to the Defense Manpower Data Center, Department of Defense, and the United States Postal Service for the purpose of conducting computer matching programs to identify and locate individuals receiving Federal salary or benefit payments and who are delinquent in their repayment of debts owed to the U.S. Government under certain programs administered by Rural Development in order to collect debts under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (5 U.S.C. 5514) by voluntary repayment, administrative or salary offset procedures, or by collection agencies
- 10 Referral of names, home addresses, and financial information to lending institutions when Rural Development determines the individual may be financially capable of qualifying for credit with or without a guarantee
- Disclosure of names, home addresses, social security numbers, and financial information to lending institutions that have a lien against the same property as Rural Development for the purpose of the collection of the debt. These loans can be under the direct and guaranteed loan programs.
- 12. Referral to private automeys under contract with either Rural Development or with the Department of Justice for the purpose of foreclosure and possession actions and collection of past due accounts in connection with Rural Development
- 13. It shall be a routine use of the records in this system of records to disclose them to the Department of Justice when: (a) The agency or any component thereof; or (b) any employee of the agency in his or her official capacity where the Department of Justice has agreed to represent the employee; or (c) the United States government, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and by careful review, the agency determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the litigation and the use of such records by the Department of Justice is therefore deemed by the agency to be for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose for which the agency collected the records.

NOTICE TO APPLICANT REGARDING PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION - CONTINUED

- Referral of names, home addresses, social security numbers, and financial information to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a record of location utilized by Federal agencies for an automatic credit prescreening system
- 15. Referral of names, home addresses, social security numbers, and financial information to the Department of Labor, State Wage Information Collection Agencies, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as those responsible for verifying information furnished to qualify for Federal benefits, to conduct wage and benefit matching through manual and/or automated means, for the purpose of determining compliance with Federal regulations and appropriate servicing actions against those not entitled to program benefits, including possible recovery of improper benefits
- Referral of names, home addresses, and financial information to financial consultants, advisors, or underwriters, when Rural Development determines such referral is appropriate for developing packaging and marketing strategies involving the sale of Rural Development loan assets
- 17 Rural Development, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3711(e)(5), will provide to consumer reporting agencies or commercial reporting agencies information from this system indicating that an individual is responsible for a claim that is current
- 18. Referral of names, home and work addresses, home telephone numbers, social security numbers, and financial information to escrow agents (which also could include attorneys and title companies) selected by the applicant or borrower for the purpose of closing the loan
- Disclosures pursuant to 5 U S.C. 552a(b)(12): Disclosures may be made from this system to consumer reporting agencies as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U S C. 1681a(f) or the Federal Claims Collection Act (31 U S C. 3701(a)(3))